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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding office action dated January 15, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 2, line 31 and ending at page 3, line 4 with the following replacement paragraph:

The purpose of the present invention is to provide novel fluorescent proteins, such as F64L-GFP (SEQ ID NO: 18, hereinafter